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A General Meeting of the Liberals of Victoria will be held

To-Morrow Evening

at the Philharmonic Hall, Fort Street, at 8 o'clock. A full Attendance is earnestly requested.

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C. A. GREGG
Sec. Young Men's Liberal Club.

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NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC IDEA.

Process Discovered for Making a Print That Resembles a Line Engraving.

Herman E. Mendelssohn has discovered a process for producing photographs resembling engravings. He says he is able to produce photographs and photo-engravings having the appearance of line engravings, besides retaining all the half tones of the original negative.

He secures these results by producing a print on paper from an etched plate containing in negative the lines or dots that usually appear on an engraving. From this print a negative is taken in the usual manner. A mixture of gelatine, sugar, water and Indian ink is then applied to a sheet of photograph paper, which is next sensitized by immersion in a special bath. These films are exposed to light under the negative, the exposure being timed by an actinometer.

An ordinary negative is then taken and coated with a solution of turpentine and resin. This negative is immersed in cold water and then brought into optical contact with the printed gelatine film. The result, after various intermediate processes, is a compound negative, from which the novel pictures may be printed on photographic paper or other substance.

The inventor has also provided for producing a permanent printed film to be used at any desired time.

One interesting feature of the invention is the possibility it affords of producing prints containing a variegated pattern. Thus in a portrait the face may contain the dots, the backgrounds the lines, and the drapery the stipples.

The Czarina does not approve of smoking for women, and has made a sensation in Russian court circles by requesting her ladies-in-waiting not to come near her while the odor of tobacco is on their clothes. Her Majesty is credited with the observation that a cigarrette in a woman's mouth is as bad as an oath in a man's.

—Paper bags and wrapping paper; wholesale price. Johnston's, Douglas street.

BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

Congress Approves of a Commission to Settle The Venezuelan Dispute.

Estimate of the Probable Strength of the American Navy at Present Time.

The Ultimate Object of the Promoters of the Pacific Cable to Hawaii.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The house has passed unanimously a bill to authorize the Venezuelan boundary commission to be appointed by the President, and appropriating $100,000 for expenses.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The second of the big Philadelphia strike of employes of the Union Train Co., opened with the situation practically unchanged as far as running the cars is concerned. All branches are in effect tied up. Although some cars, with a formidable escort of police, have made a circuit, and nearly every one of them were unmolested.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Irving M. Scott, vice-president and general manager of the Union Iron Works, which has built some of the best war ships in the navy, expresses the belief that although the present strength of the navy is not great, there could be extemporized many more vessels, sufficient to enable the United States to maintain the prestige of the flag. Continuing he gave in detail the number of vessels ready and those which could be readily prepared for war, saying: "We can count on thirty-four now ready, besides six turreted monitors, six gun-boats and two battle ships now being built, making a total of forty-eight. There are thirteen of the old Ericson monitors which could be put in preparation by having the turret arrangement removed and two eight-inch appearing and disappearing guns placed in barbette, making them very formidable vessels in defence of our bays and harbors. These could be extemporized for cruisers and commerce destroyers. The New York, Paris, St. Louis and St. Paul, would rank up to the top notch. It would require only the time necessary to furnish them with guns. I should think that within thirty days they could be put in shape.

New York, Dec. 18.—Speaking of the Pacific cable company, which was incorporated at Trenton, N.J., yesterday, ex-Mayor Hewett, who is one of the largest shareholders in the new cable company, said last night:

"The government of Hawaii has granted to Col. Spaulding, a well known planter of the Hawaiian islands, a concession for a cable to the United States, with a subsidy of $40,000 a year. Col. Spaulding came to New York for the purpose of forming a company to lay the cable, but a subsidy of $40,000 a year is certainly inadequate to pay the interest on the outlay and expenses for maintenance, which it is estimated will be about $400,000 a year. In the last cogress a bill was introduced and passed by the senate, authorizing the president to contract for a cable to the Hawaiian islands at a cost not to exceed $300,000. The bill failed in the house, where it was thought that a corporation would stand a better show for securing a cable, because for commercial and general purposes government ownership and general management are not desirable. Col. Spaulding's idea is to apply to the government of the United States for sufficient subsidy to warrant the laying of the cable and for its maintenance. As the enterprise of great public and commercial importance several gentlemen have agreed to co-operate with Col. Spaulding and furnish the money required, providing the subsidy is secured. The object, however, is not to make any money out of the enterprise, and hence, in the bill which will be presented to congress, provision is made that the United States government may at any time release itself from the subsidy by taking the cable from the company for the actual cost of construction. In other words the object of these gentlemen is to secure the United States the advantages of cable communication from the Hawaiian islands, in the hope that the cable at some future time may be extended to Australia and China, with which countries we have large and growing commercial relations."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—On motion of Mr. Davis, Republican, the senate agreed to a resolution calling on the president for information and correspondence as to the establishment by Great Britain of postoffices and post roads in the United States territory of Alaska; also as to any British occupation, military or civil, of that territory; also respecting any attempt by Great Britain or Canada to assert any claim to the territory of the United States in Alaska.

Another significant resolution was offered by Mr. Gallinger, Republican, authorizing the secretary of war to contract for the purchase of an improved counterpoise battery. The resolution went to the committee on military affairs.

The senate committee on foreign relation was in session to-day and decided to sit during the holiday recess for consideration of the Venezuelan question in its entirety. The result of this inquiry in all probability will be a resolution defining the position of the United States on the Venezuelan dispute, coupled with the declaration of the Monroe doctrine.

London, Dec. 18.—The officials of the foreign office decline any opinion to-day on the Venezuelan situation. The same attitude of reserve is maintained at the United States embassy here.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ALASKA.

Report of the United States Commissioner on Education in Alaska.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The United States commissioner of education has issued a report on education in Alaska, from which it appears that during the past year there have been maintained there sixteen day schools with twenty-four teachers. There have been also maintained seven contract schools with forty-nine teachers and employes. The commissioner recommends the appropriation of $50,000 for the ensuing year for education in Alaska. One of the oddest recommendations of the report is that the government increase its appropriation for the introduction of domestic reindeer as a food supply for the people. Nearly 400 were introduced last year.

THE WINNIPEG ELECTIONS.

Results of the Municipal Contest in the Prairie City To-Day.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The civic election was held here yesterday. The mayoralty contest ended in a victory for Ald. Jameson by 580 votes over ex-Ald. Bole; the third candidate, Wilkes, only received 30 ballots. Four labor candidates ran, but only one was successful. A. Dunlop, the well known newspaper man, supported by the trades council, was only defeated by 12 majority in ward 6 by Ald. Wilson, the sitting member. Hislop was the only labor man elected. The full results are: Mayor, Jameson; aldermen: Ward 1, Kennedy, by acclamation; Ward 2, Andrews, by acclamation; Ward 3, Ald. Chaffey, re-elected; Ward 4, Hislop; Ward 5, ex-Ald. Black, Ward 6, Ald. Wilson, re-elected.

THE NEW BOND ISSUE.

President Cleveland Already Negotiating With the Rothschilds.

New York, Dec. 18.—The World this morning says: The withdrawal yesterday of $4,150,000 in gold for shipment to-day leaves the treasury reserve at $72,804,766. President Cleveland, seeing that a bond issue must come, has been in personal consultation with members of the syndicate which advised and managed the last issue. The details of a plan for the issue were partially agreed upon, and it is understood the president will order the issue as soon as the reserve strikes the $60,000,000 mark. The issue will be at least $50,000,000, possibly $100,000,000. It is the general feeling that to-day's shipment will be the last for some time, but it is thought that the president's mark of $60,000,000 will be reached in the first fortnight of the new year.

WAR AMONG THE COAL MEN.

The Big Coal Corporations Have a Big Quarrel Over the Rates.

Denver, Dec. 17.—It is said a rate war on coal business is to be inaugurated which will include the Santa Fe, the Rio Grande, Gulf, and possibly the Union Pacific. It is stated that some time ago the managers of the Rio Grande and Gulf found that Canon City coal, in which it is understood the Santa Fe people are interested, was being sold in Denver and as far east as Omaha, at much less than was charged for Trinidad and Walensburg coal, which is marketed over the Rio Grande and Gulf lines. Investigation showed that the difference was in the cost of transportation. Sunday last, it is said, a meeting of Presidents Peffery and Ripley and Receiver Trumbull was held at which the matter was discussed and taken under advisement by President Ripley. Yesterday a telegram from the latter announced that the old policy will be retained. This, it is said, means that the two other roads will meet the Santa Fe rate and that the Union Pacific, which has large coal fields at Rock Springs, Wyo., will be brought into the fight.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

YACHTING.

London, Dec. 18.—The Globe this afternoon says that it is rumored that the Hendersons, of Glasgow, have received an order for a yacht, designed by George L. Watson, which is to compete in the races for the America's cup.

THE TURF.

JOHN R. GENTRY TO BE SOLD.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—L. Banks Holt, and James F. Scott, proprietors of the noted Alamance stock farm at Graham, N.C., announce that they will sell at Fasig's auction sale next February, John R. Gentry, Baronet, Gov. Holt and the entire string of thoroughbreds belonging to the farm.

Cable News.

Mount Carmel, Pa., Dec. 18.—A locomotive, with a train attached, ran away near here this morning and was badly wrecked. Four men were fatally injured and nine others were badly hurt.

Good Xmas Gifts.

Razors, shaving outfits, sporting and pocket knives, table cutlery, carving sets, all A1 goods, at Fox's, 78 Government street.

Toys Half Price

Thousands of Dolls and Dolls' Heads at Russell's Wonderful Bargain Store, all at half price.

NO CABINET MINISTER!

As Col. Prior Says That He Will Have Nothing Less. His Course is Clear.

Controller Wood Says Mr. Prior and Himself Are Mere Deputy Ministers.

And He is Confirmed by the Government Paper—Feeling in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Citizen, the government organ at Ottawa, says that Col. Prior is to be a controller and not a cabinet minister. Controller Wood was to-day asked as to Mr. Prior's position. He replied that it was the same as his own, simply a controller under the minister of trade and commerce. He and Col. Prior were also to be sworn in privy councillors, the same as ex-Speaker Kirkpatrick now is, but it was absurd to think that they were to be cabinet ministers, as, while they were controllers, they could not be in the cabinet. They are under the statute creating them, simply deputy ministers.

The Citizen, the government organ, says that Col. Prior's qualification for the controllership lies in the fact that he sings a good song and is an admirer of the fair sex.

Government members are boasting that Col. Prior's acceptance will secure all the British Columbia members for their coercion policy. They are using it in Montreal Centre and Jacques Cartier. Col. Prior's acceptance of a controllership, however, will place British Columbia further away than ever from getting representation in the cabinet. It is the old policy of buying up your members and to the devil with the province. This is how it is viewed here.

The Journal, Independent, says that the selection of Col. Prior is a poor one, as he never showed any legislative abilities or any business qualifications in the house, and in fact was not supposed to have any devotion to politics. The Journal would not object to British Columbia getting a minister into the cabinet. The other newspapers say that the reason of the job for Col. Prior is that the government is assured that if he gets an appointment all the other members from that province will vote for their coercion bill. At present they are supposed to be against coercing Manitoba.

The government has decided not to accede to the request of Mrs. J. W. Garrison Smith, of Chicago, who came here to request that a monument be erected to General Montgomery, the United States general who fell in Quebec in 1777.

THE MARSOVAN MASSACRES.

Letter from the Local American Missionary Giving a Few Details.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—Replying to a telegraphic message from the United States minister, Mr. Alexander W. Terrel, the American missionaries at Marsovan telegraphed yesterday that they were all safe, and guarded by troops. A letter dated December 2, has been received here from the American missionaries at Caesarea, giving harrowing details of the horrors of the previous three days. The writer says the Turks swarm through the streets, into the houses, stoning, clubbing and killing every Armenian in reach. The American missionary, however, was not harmed, evidently owing to orders issued by the Turkish officials. But the missionary says the barbarity practised passes all description. Men and women were literally hacked to pieces and thousands of persons were killed. The American missionary also says that the Turkish soldiers confessed that the government gave them permission to pillage. The boys of the American school are all safe, the letter continues, and 100 fugitives are being sheltered in the mission buildings, but the safety of the missionaries depends upon the presence of the troops who are guarding them.

FOURTEEN TIMES ARRESTED.

A Buxom Boardinghouse Keeper Refuses to Reciprocate.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—James Godfrey, the man who has so often figured in the police courts as either the complainant or defendant in charges of battery and assault, is again in trouble. He was arrested Saturday night for waylaying and unmercifully beating Wm. Tracy, his successful rival for the affections of Miss Catherine Nugent, the buxom proprietress of a boarding house near the foot of Mission street. The fact that Godfrey failed to win the heart and hand of Miss Nugent seems to be the basis of all his troubles, both physical and mental. He has been arrested fourteen times during a year for various offences, from simple battery to assault to commit murder, but always manages to get clear, only to precipitate trouble again by allowing the love and hatred with which Miss Nugent has filled his soul to get the upper hand of his judgement.

AN ELECTION DEVICE

Is What Most of the London Papers Regard President Cleveland's Message.

And Not at All a Very Dignified One at That—No One is Excited.

The Masses Regard With Blank Incredulity the Possibility of War.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The concluding portion of President Cleveland's message reads as follows: In the belief that the doctrine for which we contend is clear and definite, that it is founded upon substantial considerations and involves our safety and welfare, is fully applicable to our present conditions and to the state of the world's progress, and that it was directly related to the pending controversy, without any conviction as to the final merits of the dispute; but anxious to learn in a satisfactory, conclusive manner whether Great Britain sought under the claim of boundary to extend her possessions on this continent without right or whether she really sought possession of territory fairly included within her lines of ownership, this government proposed to Great Britain to resort to arbitration as a proper means of settling the question.

It will be seen from the correspondence herewith submitted that this proposition has been declined by the British government, upon grounds which, in the circumstances, seem to me to be far from satisfactory. It is deeply disappointing that such an appeal, actuated by the most friendly feeling towards both the nations directly concerned, addressed to the sense of justice and magnanimity of one of the great powers of the world, touching its relations to one comparatively weak and small, should have produced no better results. The course to be pursued by this government, in view of present conditions, does not appear to admit of serious doubts. Having labored faithfully for many years to induce Great Britain to submit this dispute to impartial arbitration, having been now finally apprised of her refusal to do so, nothing remains but to accept the situation, to recognize its requirements and deal with it accordingly. Great Britain's proposition not having been regarded as admissable by Venezuela, though any adjustment of boundary which that country may deem for her advantage and may enter into of her own free will, cannot of course be objected to by the United States.

Assuming, however, that the attitude of Venezuela remains unchanged, the dispute has reached such a stage as to make it incumbent upon the United States to take measures to determine with sufficient certainty for its ratification what is the true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana. In order that such an examination may be prosecuted in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, I would suggest that Congress make an adequate appropriation for the expenses of a commission to be appointed by the executive who shall make the necessary investigation and report upon the matter with the least possible delay. When such report is made and accepted it will be the duty of the United States to resist by every means in its power as a wilful aggression upon its rights and interests the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands or exercise governmental jurisdiction over any territory which after investigation we have determined of right belongs to Venezuela.

In making these recommendations I am fully alive to the full responsibility incurred. I keenly realize all the consequences which may follow. I am, nevertheless, firm in the conviction that while it is a grievous thing to contemplate the two great English-speaking peoples of the world as being otherwise than friendly competitors in the onward march of civilization and strenuous and worthy rivals in all the arts of peace, there is no calamity which a great nation can invite which equals that which follows supine submission to wrong and injustice and the consequent loss of national self-respect and honor, beneath which is shielded and defended a people's safety and greatness.

Grover Cleveland.

Executive Mansion, Washington.

Accompanying the President's message is the correspondence on the subject. It commences with Secretary Olney's note re-opening the negotiations with Great Britain, looking to the arbitration of the boundary dispute. It bears date of July 20 last and is addressed to Mr. Bayard. The secretary deems it unnecessary to enter into any detailed account of the controversy which is of ancient date and has since 1894 never ceased to be a subject of contention. The claims of both parties, it must be contended, are of a somewhat indefinite nature. Neither of the parties, he says, is to-day standing for the boundary line predicted upon strict legal rights, Great Britain having formulated no such claim at all, while Venezuela insists upon the Essequibo line only as a liberal concession to their antagonists. The secretary notices briefly several features of the situation. The continuous growth of the undefined British claims; the fate of the various attempts at arbitration of the controversy and the part in the matter hitherto taken by the United States. He shows how the exploitation of the Schomburg line was followed by Venezuela's protest and by what may be fairly interpreted as a disavowal of the line by Great Britain, notwithstanding which every change in the British claim since that time has moved the frontier of British Guiana farther and farther to the westward of the line proposed by Lord Aberdeen in 1844. The secretary traces the various efforts made by Venezuela to arrive at a settlement of the boundary question and of the United States to secure its submission to arbitration, bringing the history down to the beginning of this year, when the important features of the situation were summarized by him as follows:

1. The title to territory of indefinite but confessedly very large extent in dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela.

2. The disparity in strength of the parties is such that Venezuela can establish her claim only through peaceful

3. The controversy has existed for half a century, despite Venezuela's effort to establish a boundary.

4. Venezuela has for a quarter of a century striven for arbitration.

5. Great Britain has continuously refused to accept upon the renunciation in her favor of a large part of Venezuela's claim.

6. The United States has made it clear to Great Britain and the world by frequent interposition of good offices that the controversy is one in which its honor and its interests are involved, and the continuance of which it cannot regard with indifference.

At this point Secretary Olney says: "The accuracy of the foregoing analysis of the existing status cannot, it is believed, be challenged. It shows that status to be such that those charged with the interests of the United States are now forced to determine exactly what these interests are and what course of action they require. It compels them to decide to what extent, if any, the United States may and should intervene in a controversy between and principally concerning only Great Britain and Venezuela, and to decide how far it is bound to see that the integrity of Venezuelan territory is not impaired by the pretensions of its powerful antagonist."

The secretary says that it is an admitted canon of international law that there are circumstances under which a nation may justly interpose in a controversy between other nations, although the doctrine is ordinarily expressed in terms of the most general character. The secretary says, however, that we are at this time concerned not so much with the general rule, as with a form of it which is peculiar and distinctively American, and this leads the secretary to an elaborate historical analysis of the conditions leading up to the enunciation of the famous Monroe doctrine, beginning with Washington's famous farewell address, and warning Americans against entangling alliances with European Powers.

He shows, how, in the twenty years which succeeded this address, the situation had greatly changed; that the great increase of power and resources of the new nation hand given it a commanding position on this continent and that Monroe without hesitating to accept the logic of the farewell address, applied it by declaring in effect that American non-intervention in Europe necessarily implied European non-intervention in American affairs. He quoted President Monroe's celebrated message of December 2nd, 1823, stating that the proposition, that America is in no part open to colonization, has been considered. He says that our present concern is with the other practical application of the Monroe doctrine, the disregard of which by any European Power is to be deemed an act of unfriendliness toward the United States.

On this point the secretary says: "The precise scope and limitation of this rule cannot be too clearly apprehended. It does not establish a general protectorate by the United States over other American states; it does not relieve any American state from its obligations, as fixed by international law, nor prevent any European Power directly interested from enforcing such obligations or from inflicting merited punishment for the breach of them. It does not contemplate any interference in the international affairs of any American state, or in the relations between it and any other American state. It does not justify any attempt on our part to change the established form of government of any American state, or to prevent the people of such state from altering that form according to their own will and pleasure. The rule in question has but a single purpose and object. It is, that no European Power, or combination of European Powers, shall forcibly deprive any American state of the right and power of self government and of shaping for itself its own political fortunes and destines.

The secretary says it is manifest that a rule, which has been openly and uniformly acted upon by the executive branch of the government for seventy years must have the sanction of congress. Nor, he adds, if the practical result of the rule be sought for, is the record either meagre or obscure. Its first effect was indeed momentous and far reaching. It was the component factor in the emancipation of South America and to it the independent states of that region are largely indebted for their very existence. Since then the most striking single achievement to be credited to the rule, is the evacuation of Mexico by the French. But the United States are also indebted to it for the Clayton-Bulwer treaty neutralizing any inter-oceanic canal across Central America and excluding Great Britain from any dominion there. It had been used in the case of Cuba as if justifying the position that while the sovereignty of Spain will be respected, the island will not be permitted to become the possession of any other European Power. It has been influential in bringing about the definite relinquishment of any supposed protectorate by Great Britain over the Mosquito coast. President Polk relied upon it, though perhaps erroneously to prevent the transfer of Yucatan. General Grant, in the same spirit, declared that existing dependancies were no longer a subject of transfer from one European Power to another, and another objection is found in other, and another development is found in the objection to arbitration of South American controversies by a European Power, and Secretary Bayard resisted the enforcement of the Pelletier claim against Hayti, declaring that "serious, indeed, would be the consequences if a European hostile foot should, without just cause, tread those states in the new world, which have emancipated themselves from European control."

The message of President Cleveland to Congress transmitting the correspondence between Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury, relative to the Venezuelan boundary dispute, created a sensation in Washington. Although the nature of Secretary Olney's vigorous communication and Lord Salisbury's answer had been already generally foretold in the Associated Press dispatches from Washington and London, there was still a great popular craving to learn just how the President would deal with Lord Salisbury's refusal to submit the matter to arbitration, and the message was listened to with intense interest in congress and read with avidity on the streets. Nowhere was a voice lifted in dissent from the doctrine so firmly laid down by the President, but, on the contrary, there was an outburst of patriotic feeling that must have been highly gratifying to the chief executive.

In the dignified United States Senate, a body that rarely exhibits emotion of any kind, there was witnessed the unparalleled spectacle of hand-clapping and applause which was a spontaneous expression of approval of almost every senator, without regard to party. On the streets the message was excitedly discussed and in the great hall of the pension building, employes gathered and sung with gusto the "Star Spangled Banner," and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." At the White House messages poured in from every quarter of the country congratulating the President upon his message. They came from men of all parties and from every station.

The matter, of course, was of the greatest interest in diplomatic circles and the general impression on a sober second consideration of the notes, was that the matter had not yet reached the stage where war is imminent, and that the hint of Great Britain's purpose to re-open the negotiations with Venezuela looking to a settlement of the dispute between themselves, perhaps may be regarded as an indication of how the whole matter will end. Minister Andrade, of Venezuela, secured a copy of the message early in the day and cabled it by way of Cuba and Hayti to his government. The time of transmission is eight hours, and it is felt that its reception at Caracas will be the sign for enthusiastic demonstration. Mr. Andrade's satisfaction is almost beyond power of expression. "It is," he said, "even a surprise to me in its vigor, in the nobility of sentiments expressed and in the masterly exposition of the Monroe doctrine." Mr. Andrade was asked what the next step of Venezuela would be? "There is nothing further for us to do. We have announced our policy, and in that we have the co-operation and support of the United States. We are little more than spectators now."

"Is the plan of a commission to investigate the question and fix the line feasible?" the minister was asked. "Perfectly so," he replied, "the evidence can readily be furnished, so far as Venezuela is concerned. It will be a laborious work, as the documents and maps are very voluminous and from many sources, including those of Holland, Spain and other countries, as well as those of Venezuela."

At the British embassy Sir Julian Pauncefote and his official corps shared in the general interest in the question. It was stated that the foreign office had made public at noon to-day the Salisbury answer simultaneously with its publication here. But as the President's message is to Congress and has not gone through diplomatic channels, it was not a part of the matter given to the British public by the foreign office to-day. Mr. Baax-Ironsides, of the embassy staff, went to the capitol during the day to witness the reading of the documents, but was not present during the demonstration in the senate. Beyond Lord Salisbury's letter the emb on the Venezuelan subject, so that the case rests on the correspondence submitted to-day.

In his closing note Lord Salisbury rapidly traces the history of the following negotiations down to 1887, when the situation had become so acute, owing to the Venezuelan demands for an evacuation of the disputed territory by Great Britain, that the British representative at Caracas received his passports, and diplomatic relations were declared by Venezuela to be suspended. He says no steps have been taken by the British authorities to exercise jurisdiction beyond the Schomberg line, nor to interfere with the proceedings of Venezuelans in the territory outside; although pending a settlement, Great Britain cannot recognize these proceedings as valid or conferring title. The question, he adds, has remained in this position ever since. Great Britain has from the first held to the same view as to the extent of her territory. She is willing to arbitrate a portion of her claims. As regards the rest, within the Schomberg line, they do not consider that the rights of Great Britain are open to question. If the concessions which Great Britain has been willing to make from time to time have diminished it has been because she is unwilling to surrender to foreign rule control over her subjects who have gradually colonized the country. The discrepancy in maps is easily accounted for, and the British government cannot be made responsible for publication made without their authority.

In conclusion, Lord Salisbury says: "Although the negotiations in 1890, 1891 and 1893 did not lead to any result, Her Majesty's government has not abandoned the hope that they may be resumed with better success, and that when the international policies of Venezuela are settled on a more durable basis then has lately appeared to be the case, Her Majesty's government may be enabled to adopt a more moderate and conciliatory course in regard to this question than that of their predecessors. Her Majesty's government are sincerely desirous of being on friendly relations with Venezuela, and certainly have no desire to seize territory that properly belongs to her, or forcibly to extend sovereignty over any portion of her population. They have, on the contrary, repeatedly expressed their readiness to submit to arbitration the conflicting claims of Great Britain and Venezuela to large tracts of territory, which from their auriferous nature are known to be of almost untold value. But they cannot consent to entertain in, or to submit to the arbitration of any power, or of foreign jurists, however eminent, claims based on the extravagant pretensions of Spanish officials in this century and involving the transfer of large numbers of British subjects, who have for many years enjoyed the settled rule of a British colony, to a nation of different race and language whose political system is subject to frequent disturbances and whose institutions, too often afford very inadequate protection to life and property. No issue of this description has ever been involved in the questions which Great Britain and the United States have consented to submit to arbitration, and Her Majesty's government are convinced that in similar circumstances the government of the United States would be equally firm in declining to entertain proposals of such a nature.'

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Toronto Mail concludes a long article on the President's message as follows: "To declare that the Monroe doctrine is an authority upon this continent, is one thing; to exercise jurisdiction under it upon soil that is held to be British is another. Congress may well hesitate to take so serious a step. The commission, however, is a very good device, from Mr. Cleveland's point of view, which is evidently that of the politician who is after votes. It would probably be long before the commission could report, but in the meantime Mr. Cleveland's firm vindication of the doctrine would be winning votes for his third term election. We may be sure, however, that whoever wins or loses in that election, not a foot of British territory will be transferred to a foreign flag by any ruling or any bluster under the Monroe doctrine."

London, Dec. 18.—The note of Secretary Olney to the Marquis of Salisbury on the Venezuelan question and the reply of the Marquis thereto were published in the official Gazette to-night.

The Morning Post, commenting on President Cleveland's message, says: "A dispatch of this kind is clearly intended, not for the foreign office, but for the American electors. The commission proposed can have no more binding effect on this country than would a decision of the Supreme Court at Washington." The Post regards the message as an election device, but not a dignified one.

The Morning Advertiser, the organ of the licensed trade, says: "Even remembering the Sackville incident, it is almost incredible that a statesman should cast such a firebrand for electoral purposes. Good judgment was never more required in Great Britain's foreign policy, which fortunately is in able hands."

"Public opinion," says the Westminster Gazette, "will unanimously support Lord Salisbury, but it is a pity he enlarged the dispute and attacked the Monroe doctrine."

Continuing, the Gazette remarks: "The fact is the present situation is the result of an unfortunate combination. On one side is the foreign secretary who was once a Saturday Reviewer, and who cannot avoid the temptation of scoring in an argument; on the other side is a president who cannot resist the temptation of scoring in an electoral campaign. But the mass of people of both countries regard the possibility of war on such issue with blank incredulity."

The Evening News says: "This election dodge does not give us a moment's uneasiness."

The St. James Gazette heads its article on the Venezuelan developments "War or Wire-Pulling," and says: "President Cleveland's language in the mouth of a European diplomat would mean the instant mobilization of armies. It is rather too late, or too soon, to say 'hands off' to an empire which includes not only British Guiana and Jamaica but the Dominion of Canada as well. The pretensions of President Cleveland and Mr. Olney are so exaggerated and the language so offensive that one could not be surprised if there were a similar explosion of violence here. But Lord Salisbury has kept his temper in this unpleasant correspondence, and the nation will do likewise, until the time comes when we shall be willing to be angry; that time may come."

In spite of the prominence which all the newspapers give President Cleveland's message to congress, the general public here refuse to get excited, or even interested in the matter. At the hotels, clubs, railroad stations and other resorts the matter is rarely alluded to. Those who have read the correspondence resent President Cleveland's attitude, but the almost invariable answer received to inquiries for an expression of opinion is: "What is it all about, anyway?" The message is being used on the stock exchange to hammer American securities. Consols also declined, but there was no excitement. The editorial comments of the New York papers on the situation are reprinted here with approval, as indicating the sensible American opinion on the situation.

—Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the travelling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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Washington City, Dec. 17.—The diplomatic representation of Nicaragua has been discontinued for the first time in many years, and as a measure of economy no legation will be maintained at Washington City. This action is a matter of surprise, owing to the importance of some of the questions, notably the canal, in which the United States and Nicaragua are mutually interested. Dr. Guzman has presented his letters of recall to the state department, and has entered upon the practice of medicine at his home, which was formerly the Nicaraguan embassy.

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—The Ladies of the Macabees will meet this evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. Several new members will be initiated and the officers for the next year will be elected.

—Three days' special meetings will be held in Salvation Army hall, commencing on Saturday evening. Ensign McDonald, of Vancouver, will take charge of these meetings. A good time is expected.

—Archie Reid was to-day committed for trial for stealing $40 from Dr. Wilson. All the evidence went to show that before the robbery Reid was "broke" and immediately afterwards he was "flush."

—The final rehearsal of the "Four Leaf Clover" was held last evening by the Juvenile Opera Company. The operetta is to be presented for the benefit of the Protestant Orphans' Home to-morrow and Saturday.

—Mrs. Agnes Porter, relict of the late Joseph Porter, died yesterday at the residence of J. W. McKay, Cadboro Bay road. The deceased was 78 years of age and was a native of Wigan, Lancashire. The funeral will take place on Friday.

—Singers, public speakers, actors, auctioneers, teachers, preachers, and all who are liable to overtax and irritate the vocal organs, find, in Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, a safe, certain, and speedy relief. A timely dose of this preparation has prevented many a throat trouble.

—Mr. Thomas Kipling and Miss Emily Tyack were married at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday by the Rev. Canon Beanlands. Miss Foster and Miss Laurie acted as bridesmaids and Mr. F. W. Stubbs supported the groom. The happy couple left on the Rosalie for Fort Worth, Texas, their future home.

—Thomas A. Graham, district passenger and freight agent of the Southern Pacific railway, who was in the city last evening, said that the cheap rates to San Francisco will be continued until the end of the year, at least. In order to secure the benefit of the cheap rates, passengrs from Victoria should leave here this evening, on the 23rd or on the 28th instants.

—A ball will be given by the ladies of Triumph lodge, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., in A. O. U. W. hall on Friday evening next. The proceeds of the ball will be given to the B. C. Benevolent Society for distribution among the city's poor. The price of the tickets are only $1.50, and all should endeavor to assist the ladies in their charitable object either by supplying eatables or by purchasing tickets for the ball.

—Everything points to a very successful and pleasing entertainment at the Victoria theatre this evening. The committee and members of the B. C. B. G. A. band have been working hard to make the first concert one that will be long remembered. The programme is a good and varied one, and the special features will no doubt be the means of drawing a large audience. The Lieut.-Governor and party will be present.

—A very successful sale of work was held by the Ladies' Aid of the Victoria West Methodist church in Semple's hall yesterday afternoon. The hall was tastefully decorated, and divided off into stalls, each of which contained many useful and fancy articles. The result was very encouraging to the members of the society, of which Mrs. S. M. Okell is president, and Miss Leigh treasurer. In the evening tea was served and an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music and recitations creditably rendered.

—After a severe illness, lasting for several weeks, Mr. John Finlayson died yesterday in the Jubilee hospital. The deceased was 62 years of age, and was well known in the city. For many years he conducted a grocery business in the city, but was appointed by the late Mr. Robson superintendent of the provincial reformatory, a position he occupied till the time of his death. A widow and five sons are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and indulgent father. The funeral will take place on Friday from the family residence, 25 Menzies street, James Bay.

—At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade held yesterday, the secretary reported that he had received a large number of acknowledgments of the annual report of the board. The comments were highly favorable. Reports were received from the members of the committee to whom were referred the document issued by the "Society of Comparative Legislation." The opinions of the members of the committee differed. The matter was referred back to the committee for a joint report. W. H. Ellis was elected a member of the Council, vice T. M. Henderson, resigned. A vote of thanks was tendered Messrs. S. T. Walker and C. S. Rashdall, of New Denver, for mineral specimens presented to the Board of Trade cabinet.

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A programme of songs was very creditably rendered by the pupils, and Inspector Wilson and Trustees Mrs. Grant, William Marchant and George Glover gave short addresses. Miss Williams, the principal, was presented by her pupils with a silver napkin ring, and Miss Barron received from her pupils in the second division a silver jewel case.

GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL.

First division to High School, Miss Williams, teacher.—Clementina King, Irene Ure, Annie Winsby, Maud Munsie, Alice Nicholson.

Prize list—Head of school, Winnifred Hopper (presented by Hibben & Co.); patn sewing, May Gowen (presented by Mrs. Crocker.)

Second division to first division, Miss Barren, teacher.—Euphemia Cole, Lily Cohen, Kate McCrimmon, Agnes Anderson, Ada Howell, Sadie Rogerson, Lilian Hobbis.

Prize list.—Deportment (by vote of the class), Violet Robertson; diligence, Florence Carter.

Third division to second division, Miss A. Keast, teacher.—May Musson, Maud Field, Zealandia Carter, Evelyn Rant, Annie Dennan, Irene Hiscocks, Agnes Dier, Mabel Dods, Margaret White, Margaret Lovell, Grace Burt, Louise Ray.

Prize list.—General proficiency, May Musson (presented by Mrs. Grant); 2nd Maud Field.

Fourth division to third division, Mrs. Caldwell, teacher.—May Harlock, Lizzie Taylor, Rose Bamfield, Laura Elford, Alice Cripps, Alberta Wrigleswerth, Gladys Berridge, Ida Hood, Rose Robertson, Eugenie Lewis, Harriet Chalmers, Ardelli Lavender, Cora Heal, Grace Meredith and Margaret Moore, equal; Violet Bryant, Agnes Webster, Emma Vigelius, Sarah Dearden and Jessie McKilligan, equal; Nellie Kent, Elizabeth Chambers, Henrietta Barnwell, Dora Marks and Hilda Leiser, equal; Matilda Gaerdes.

Fifth divison to fourth dvsion, Miss Arrowsmith, teacher.—Lilian Tuttle, Ruth Stilwell, Flora Tait, Lilian Mansell, Mabel McCrimmon, Clara Paulson, Myrtle Jones, Annie Levy, Gladys Sarapnel, Edith Roberts, Annie Tait, Alice Walis, Pearl Welsh.

Prize list.—Deportment, Julia Nicholl, Beatrice Lawson, Rose Dennam, and Edith Renfree.

Sixth division to fifth division, Miss Russell, teacher, Juanita Hastings, Sophie Whitson, Muriel Henderson, Mabel Lyon, Maggie Proctor.

Seventh division to sixth division, Miss Christie, teacher.—Janet Williscroft, Lottie Pearce, Edith Bullock, Annie Paterson and Margery Sherburn, equal; Nancy Harrison, Annette Cohen, Mary MacInnes, Fran's Arthur.

Eight division to seventh division, Miss E. S. Sirapnel, teacher.—Lily Smith, Amelia McGregor, Maud Smith, Gladys Cruickshank, Weltha Alexander, Josie Colbert, Millie Helman, Mable Coles, Maggie Sutcerland.

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VICTORA WEST SCHOOL.

First division to Collegiate Institute, L. Tait, teacher.—John McKay, Arthur Patton.

Prize list.—General proficiency, John McKay; spelling, reading, anatomy, Ethel Young; grammar, Thomas Cessford; arithmetic, Thomas Crocker; composition, Karl Kroeger; improvement, Thomas Andrews; improvement in writing, Annie Croker; diligence, Benjamin Henwood; diligence, Frank Jenkins; English history, Stephen Doran; geography, Arthur Patton; anatomy, Bertha Messick.

Promoted from second to first division, S. Kermode, teacher.—Marion Smith, Alice Smith, Leslie Tait.

Promoted from third to second division.—Mary Tait, Svea Jacobson, Frederick Harrap, Fritz Kroeger, James McKenzie.

Prize list.—General proficiency, second division, Marion Smith; third division, Mary Tait; deportment, second division, Myra Fawcett; third division, Frederick Harrap; diligence, third division, Svea Jacobson; spelling, second division, Leslie Tait; neatness, third division, James McKenzie, English history, third division, Fritz Kroeger; 1st in composition, geography, Canadian history, English history, second division, Alice Smith.

Promoted from fourth division to third division, John Stephenson, teacher.—Ernest Tait, Ewald Bahlman, Albert Young, Jennie Anderson, Clifford Jenkinson, William Henwood, Bruce McNaughton.

Promoted from fifth division to fourth division.—Arthur Croker, Willie Jenkinson. Recommended, Yolande Gannor, Edith Atkins.

Second to third reader, M. A. Gaudin, teacher.—Robert Fisher, Albert Lang, John McBeath, Robert Semple, Percy Wilson, James Paynter, Herman Hazenfratz, George Roller, Emmett Caroll, Rhoda Salt, Elizabeth Andrews, Charles Kirk.

Prize list.—General proficiency, Robert Fisher; reading, Gertrude Smith; dictation and spelling, John McBeath; 1st in writing and second in geography, Albert Lang; writing and mental arithmetic, Percy Wilson; mental arithmetic, Rhoda Salt; 2nd in grammar, Emmett Caroll.

Seventh division to sixth division, J. C. Strachan, teacher.—George McDonald, Mary McNaughton, Ada Williams, Gertrude Craft, Ernest Stevens, Peter Bugrlag, Viola Semple, William Kroeger.

Prize list.—George McDonald, general proficiency; Mary McNaughton, reading; Gertrude Craft, geography and spelling; Ernest Stevens, mental arithmetic; Violet Brown, writing; Viola Semple, deportment; William Kroeger, diligence.

Eighth to seventh division, Edwin Tait, Archibald Gilchrist, Albert March, Walter Jenkins, Ernest Hasenfratz, Hubert McIntyre.

Prize list.—Edwin Tait, general proficiency and spelling; Archibald Gilchrist, mental arithmetic and second in spelling; Albert March, reading.

Ninth to Eighth divLion—Stanley Young, Olive Fawcett, Arthur Bings, Albert Atkins, Stanley Okell, Lillian March, Elsie Balkman.

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DIGGING IN OLD JERUSALEM.

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It is now more than a quarter of a century since Captain, now Major-General Sir Charles Warren, carried on his explorations at Jerusalem for the Palestine exploration fund, and which resulted in such brilliant discoveries, revealing to us what was then known as "Underground Jerusalem." That was the remains of the ancient city, now covered up with the accumulated debris of ages, an accumulation that reached, in some places, to a depth of more than 70 feet. Since that time no systematic exploration has been carried on in the Holy City. Herr Baurah von Schick and other agents of the Palestine exploration fund have watched wherever any digging took place—for the foundations of new buildings or any other purpose—and, if anything of importance turned up, it has been faithfully reported to the Quarterly Statement published by the fund, and which is now the recognized journal of archaeology in Palestine.

For some years back the value of the ground at Jerusalem has been increasing, and building, more particularly on the north and west, has been going on outside the walls, and it became advisable to have some excavations made before houses were erected, which would make explorations possible. The necessary firman from the Sultan was procured and Dr. F. J. Bliss began operations last year. The first task he undertook was to trace the line of the ancient wall on the southern side of Jerusalem. This wall was about eight hundred feet to the south of the present one, and that it skirted the brow of the slope which forms one side of the valley of Hinnom. Why the builders of the new wall left this commanding height undefended is a question that is not easily explained. It is certain that the older engineers did not leave this advantageous position for an enemy to occupy. Traces of the old wall were first come upon when levelling the ground for the English cemetery.

In 1874 Major Conder, writing from Jerusalem, recommended that explorations should be made at this point, and Mr. Henry Maudslay, at that time, did sufficient digging to show the existence of the wall all the way from the Protestant school to the east end of the cemetery. Among other things he found that the dining room of the school had its walls standing on the square base of one of the ancient towers, and that in places the rock on which the wall stood was scarped below to a depth of thirty feet. Mr. Bliss took up the work at the point at which Mr. Maudslay had left off, and followed the line of the wall from the cemetery, where it runs in a southwesterly direction for about 250 feet. He also found deep scarps in the rock, which must have given great strength to the defence and made the battlements to tower with an imposing appearance over the Hinnom valley. The stones are of no great size, that is, in comparison with some of the masonry at other parts of the walls, such as that of the Jews' Wailing Place and portions of the haram wall. They have the usual draught round their borders, and the lower course is bedded on the solid rock.

Water supply had not been forgotten, as numerous cisterns had been found. The existence of a gateway was discovered at this point, and it is here that one interesting point in connection with the present exploration presents itself. The main street of Jerusalem runs from north to south in almost a straight line—it begins at the Damascus gate on the north and ends on the south at the Sion gate, also known as the Bab and Nabi Naud, or Gate of the Prophet David. This is, no doubt, the original line of a thoroughfare that has existed from the earliest times, and it is assumed that there must have been a similar gate at the end of the main street in the older wall. This was one of the points Dr. Bliss was told to discover. The gate which has been found, is not exactly in the position where the expected gate was supposed to exist; it is a little too far to the west to be in line with the main street. Still, it ought to be borne in mind that the present Sion gate is not quite at the end of the street, but a little to the west of it. This may indicate that some reason existed for the deviation in both cases. Here, for the present, judgment must be suspended, as the spade will in time settle the matter.—London Daily News.

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B. C. B. G. A. Gunners.
6. Solo .....
C. W. Rhodes.
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8. Solo .....
W. Ralph Higgins.
9. Duet .....
Mrs. Archer Martin and Miss Laura Loewen.
10. Bayonet Exercise .....
B. C. G. B. A. Gunners.
11. Clarionet Solo—"2nd Air Varie" Mohr
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12. Waltz—"Jolly Fellows" ..... Valker
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Speaking Of

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JOSHUA DAVIES
AUCTIONEER,
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The Daily Times.

DECEPTION THEIR GAME.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Col. Prior and the Colonist knows very well that when British Columbians proposed cabinet representation for this province they had in mind a de facto minister with a portfolio, the head of one of the active departments of the government. That is the ordinary sense of the term "cabinet minister," and the sense in which the people of this province regard it. These three worthies are now engaged in an attempt to delude the people into the belief that Col. Prior has been created a cabinet minister in that sense. They are guilty of a deliberate and shameful attempt at deception. As controller of inland revenue Col. Prior is the subordinate of the minister of trade and commerce, Mr. Ives, who is a member of the cabinet. Controller Wood and Controller Prior are on the same footing, and from our Ottawa advices today it is evident that Controller Wood does not regard himself as a cabinet minister. The Citizen, the government organ at the capital, takes the same view. Many people seem to be unaware that there is an act of parliament governing this matter, which the government cannot override, be it ever so willing. This act was passed in 1887, and was called into force by proclamation in 1892. It is quite evident that Col. Prior has not been made a cabinet minister, in the accepted sense of the term, and that those who pretend to believe he has are endeavoring to hoodwink the public. All the talk about his having a "seat in the council" is so much froth intended to becloud the issue. The government and its apologists here may be right in assuming that the people of the city and the province do not know what they wanted, and what they have been given in its place, but we should rather believe they are mistaken.

THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

From statements made in this morning's Colonist it is painfully apparent that Lieut.-Governor Dewdney is acting as a political agent of the Bowell government. His behavior is neither decent nor wise. No occupant of his office having a proper regard for his position could show himself a partizan and an agent of one political party. If Governor Dewdney cannot control his partizan feeling or his desire to be useful to the Bowell combination, he should at least have the grace to refrain from openly offending the public taste. It must be assumed that he knew his own mind when he accepted the office, and if he accepted it with the intention of remaining a partizan he committed an act of which the unworthiness is quite apparent. We do not know of another instance in recent years in which any lieutenant-governor has thus deliberately set out to drag his high office through the mire of politics. If Mr. Dewdney through some constitutional infirmity is unable to refrain from indecent displays of this character he ought to retire from the governorship and make way for some other man who can be governed by a sense of propriety. His actions would appear to be a fit subject for a parliamentary investigation.

THE SCHOOL ISSUE.

It is quite useless for Col. Prior or any other Conservative to gloss over the Manitoba school question with fair words and denials that coercion is intended. The coming session of parliament was called for the purpose of passing an act to re-establish separate schools in Manitoba, regardless of the wishes of the people of Manitoba. There can be no doubt in any reasonable man's mind that the government intends to propose this course. Through all his circumlocution last evening Col. Prior's intention to support this proposal was clearly apparent. It could not be otherwise, because the Colonel could not possibly take office under the government and hold any other intention. It is absurd and childish for any person to affect a doubt as to what the government proposes. A practically official announcement has been sent forth from Ottawa that the government will introduce a bill enacting the re-establishment of separate schools in the province and providing that they shall participate in the provincial school grant. What is that but coercion? And Col. Prior by his actions and his words says that measure of coercion is right.

In a speech recently made by D'Alton McCarthy he declared that certain members of the Dominion government (whom he names) never yet ran an election where both bribery and perjury were not used by them to gain their election. When it is remembered that Mr. McCarthy was at one time the foremost lawyer in the Conservative party, and when the fact is recalled that he several times defended his old political friends from charges such as these in the courts of the land it will be admitted that he has had excellent opportunities of judging the morals of the members of his party.

Montreal Witness: The writ for Charlevoix is not issued, nor is there any indication that the government does not intend to disfranchise the constituency altogether, as it has decided to disfranchise West Huron for two weeks. Sir Mackenzie Bowell is afraid that Charlevoix, as well as West Huron, will go Liberal, and therefore it must not be allowed to elect a representative. If the remedial legislation is introduced immediately parliament meets it is possible that it might be forced through with no representative from either West Huron or Charlevoix in the house. Is this the game of the section of the cabinet which is in favor of coercing Manitoba? It is probable that the unfairness of the government will injure them in the elections which are being held. The great majority of Conservatives inherit traditions in favor of British fair play; they must dislike a man or a set of men who take a mean advantage.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS IN POLITICS.

To the Editor: I have always been under the impression that the Lieutenant-Governors of provinces were expected to be non-partizan in politics. If so, how do you account for Lieut.-Governor Dewdney's dispatch to Sir Mackenzie Bowell? With the Letellier precedent before his eyes, I should think that the present incumbent of Carey Castle ought to be more cautious in future.

CANADENSIS.

THE JANES INQUEST.

To the Editor: With reference to the coroner's address to the jury at the close of the inquest, in which he refers to my conduct in not immediately notifying the authorities when I was informed of some irregularity, I may say that his censure was unjust and uncalled for. It is only fair to myself to state that my actions were in complete harmony with the practice of the profession in such matters, and in each and every step I exercised discretion by consultation with different members of the profession. With reference to the treatment given deceased by myself I will allow it to be reviewed by any three of the most experienced practitioners in the city. Furthermore the censure appears uncalled for as the coroner did not inquire definitely into my treatment. With reference to the coroner's statement that I made no effort to obtain information from deceased, I may say that the coroner had forgotten that in my evidence I stated that deceased would not answer any questions asked her with reference to this matter, and to further show that the coroner was indiscreet or prejudiced against myself I may say that Foreman Hanna asked him to retract part of his statements in his charge to the jury as being incorrect, which he at once did.

FRANK HALL.

SEWERAGE WORK.

To the Editor: In last night's Times a letter appears from W. G. Eden, beginning with the assumption that the municipal corporation is like a joint stock company, that one of the first duties of those entrusted with the management of corporation work is "a dividing up of the work among our own people," and asking what steps were taken by the aldermen to secure for "ratepayers and taxpayers" the inside track on sewerage work during the past summer.

In the first place, let me say that I believe municipal and all other forms of constitutional and responsible governments to exist for higher purposes, and upon an entirely different basis than any mere money-making concern, and it is only because Mr. Eden is ignorant of what true liberty means, that he accepts such a comparison as correct. While I believe that we should not import nor encourage the importation of labor to do city work, I do not look upon the dispensing of patronage as being any part of the duties of a popular representative. On the sewer work done this year only residents of Victoria were employed, and the men who did the work got the money, but there was no room for loafers or agitators whose principal possession and recommendation is an everlasting personal grievance; and there never will be on any work with which I am entrusted if I can prevent it. If Mr. Eden wants to know who the men employed were, and if they were ratepayers, etc., the books at the engineer's department and the assessor's office are open to him or any other ratepayer, but I do not propose to waste my time at least to gratify his whim. The foremen employed all men on the work, and discharged them. Mr. Eden doesn't like this arrangement, especially the latter part of it; it does not afford him an opportunity to use his "vote and influence" to get a soft snap—and to keep it. The average day's work was left to the foremen in charge, who by the way, had the same office and duties on contract work formerly executed by the city, and needed no instructions from W. G. to fit them for their place. If working men desire to have city work done by the day, the first requisite is that they themselves must be ready and willing to do what is honest in the matter by giving the city full value in work for the money paid them, and the majority of them, I find, are willing to do so, but Mr. Eden is not among these. What he wants is to get the city's money, not because he is a worker, but because he is a ratepayer, and the present city debt is largely due to the fact that men of his stamp have in the past met with too much encouragement. I consider my duty is first to myself to do what is right; to the men of our city, to do what I can to secure pure government honestly administered; and to the ratepayers that I see that their money is spent in work and not in political patronage. I am not the representative nor the tool of such men as W. G. Eden, and I never will be. Mr. Eden need not ask how the men were engaged; he knows from personal experience, and that he at least did not do as much work as was expected for $2 per day, and nobody was employed at a less rate. Enclosed is a statement of the wages paid. JNO. MACMILLAN.

Rate of wages on corporation labor, 1895, per day:

Laborers—Pick and shovel men	$2.00
" Rock drillers	2.25
" " Assistants	2.00
" Pipe layers	2.25
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" Assisting bricklayers	2.25
" Chipping pipe at pipe shed	2.00
" Mixing material for joints	2.00
Man in charge of pipe shed	2.50
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Fond Parent—Here are two quarters for you, Bobby, to put in your little bank.

Bobby—I'd rather have a half, if you've got it, Pop.

Fond Parent—What for?

Bobby—'Cos it won't go through the hole.

"Where are you going my pretty maid?"
"To my Christmas shopping, pa," she said.
Pa drew a check and wiped his eye,
And thought of the coming buy and buy.

Countrywoman—I want my boy on the picture, too.

Portrait Painter—Then it will cost you 80 marks more.

Countrywoman—But I am going to hold him on my lap.

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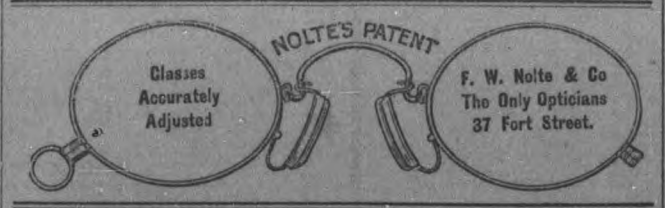

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LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Gilmore & McCandless are looking for the man in need of an overcoat. *

—Gilmore & McCandless quote some attractive prices in men's clothing. *

—Mayor Teague has called a special meeting of the council for 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, to deal with the business left over from the regular meeting.

—Steve O'Brien, of the Grotto, has been appointed agent for Victoria for Moigneaux champagne, a new brand which is commanding favor. Mr. O'Brien has already placed a number of orders.

—A genuine ghost story has yet to be attested; but not so a genuine blood-purifier. Over and over again it has been proved that Ayer's Sarsparilla stands alone among medicines as the most reliable tonic alterative in pharmacy. It stood alone at the World's Fair.

—It was erroneously stated a few days ago that the Colwood hotel, destroyed by fire, was the property of A. J. Bechtel. The building was owned by J. H. Haslam, who intends erecting a new building on the site as soon as the weather permits.

—The dispute between the Nakusp & Slocan and the Kaslo & Slocan railways ended in serious trouble at Sandon. A gang of men tore up the track of the Nakusp company at Sandon, pulled down the buildings and telegraph wires and uprooted the poles. The two companies have been fighting in court over the right of way. The news of the trouble was communicated to Superintendent Hussey, and he telegraphed to the police officials in Kootenay to proceed to the scene, report on the position of affairs and take steps to preserve peace.

—Victoria Council No. 2, R. T. of T., held their usual weekly meeting last evening. After the general business was finished five new members were received into the council. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted in the following choice: S. C., Bro. H. O'Neil (re-elected); P. C., Bro. John Ellis; V. C., Sister H. McGregor; Chap., Bro. D Spragg; Cor. Sec., Bro. A. B. Fraser (re-elected); Fin. Sec., Bro. J. H. Yeo (re-elected); Treas., Bro. T. Haughton (re-elected); Herald, Bro. O. J. B. Lane; Guard, Sister J. Morley; Sentinel, Bro. D. McPhadden; representatives to grand council, Bros. A. B. Fraser and H. O'Neil.

—A number of Victorians left this morning for Seattle to attend the funeral of George White, who was killed early on Sunday morning. White was a native of Victoria, his father still residing here. The result of the autopsy was a surprise to those who witnessed the operation, as the bullet instead of crushing through the brain, as was supposed, followed the base and lodged against the spinal column, breaking that bone and causing instant death. As the big lead missile tore through the man's head it knocked out eleven back teeth, a piece of one of them clinging to the bullet, where it still is. The bullet was badly flattened and distorted.

—Few cities on the coast can boast of better gymnasts than Victoria, which was successfully demonstrated at the A. O. U. W. hall last night by the members of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. Over 400 people assembled to see what the boys could do, showing their appreciation by their enthusiastic applause and as they left the hall many complimentary remarks could be heard. Special mention should be made of the all round work of H. Mellish, but especially on the horizontal bar and in tumbling. C. Wrigleswerth excellen on the heavy dumb-bells, lifting alternately the 105 lb. dumb bell above his head with right and left hand. Herbert Roper did excellent work on the parallel bars and was not amiss in his song "Anchored." The other participants, Peden, Erskine, Sharp, Littlewood, Esnouf, and Hill all deserve credit for their clean performing. Hill made a hit on his harmonica solo, which received an encore. The pyramid work was a special feature and was well executed, also the club-swinging with an encore responded to by swinging fiery clubs. Mr. R. Spice sang a solo, "The Death of Nelson," which brought down the house. The whole affair may be written down as a success.

—Appropriate Christmas gifts just arrived: Kid Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umberellas, Furs, Feather Ruffs, Capes and Waterproofs. Lansdowne House, John Partridge, Proprietor. *

—The sweet little "Nellie Bly" lamps are sure to sell quickly; they are pretty, cheap and good. Weller Bros. *

—Wood air-tight heating stoves at Clarke & Pearson's, 17 Yates street. *

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A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant
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LIBERALS RALLY!

Members of Both Local Associations to Meet in Force.

A general meeting of the Liberal Association and the Young Men's Liberal Club will be held to-morrow evening at the Philharmonic Hall, Fort street, at 8 o'clock.

As the business to be considered is of the utmost importance it is imperative that every member should be present.

LIBERAL MEETING.

Resolution Carried Unanimously in Favor of a Contest.

The executives of the Victoria Liberal Association and the Victoria Young Men's Liberal Club last evening discussed in joint meeting the question of placing a candidate in the field to oppose Col. Prior, who will have to appear for re-election in consequence of his acceptance of the position of controller of inland revenue. Mr. Geo. Riley, president of the Victoria Liberal Association, occupied the chair. A discussion immediately ensued after the opening proceedings, on a resolution, moved by Hon. A. N. Richards, seconded by Mr. T. J. Barnes, which affirmed the expediency and necessity of placing a candidate in the field. The motion was canvassed from every side, and the chief objection to opposition, viz., that a concession having been made to Victoria by the appointment of Col. Prior as a controller at Ottawa, it would not be fair or consistent to show disapproval of the government on other questions—was talked over in all its bearings. The result was the unanimous adoption of Hon. Mr. Richards' motion. Dr. Milne then moved that a committee, consisting of Hon. A. N. Richards, Senator McInnes, E. V. Bodwell and Geo. Riley, be appointed to interview Mr. Templeman and to request him to accept the candidature. This being done, the committee reported that Mr. Templeman felt that he would like to obtain the views of members of the party who were not present, and for that, and other reasons of a personal nature, thought it would be better to defer his answer for a day or two. This was assented to and after the transaction of routine business the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Templeman will reply to the invitation of the committee at a meeting of the opposition party which has been called for to-morrow evening.

LOCAL ARTISTS' WORK.

Som Good Work by Union Members Shown at the Art Exhibition.

Lovers of fine art are beginning to realize that there is in the upper flat of the city hall a magnificent collection of pictures. The attendance is increasing each day, and all speak in glowing terms of the display. While the collection of loan pictures is of unusual merit, the work shewn by the local artists could be refused the credit it deserves only because the sight-seers believe in the old adage "that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." Mr. L. C. Barff has many sketches of well known Japanese scenes, the best being Yumoto lake. His strong work, and one that draws considerable attention, is a local scene, the San Pedro on a stormy morning. There is good feeling displayed in the water and the sand on the shore. The waves and the San Pedro are also cleverly portrayed. While marine scenery is Mr. Barff's forte, he has on view a painting of a mountain scene well known to hunters in the upper country. A grizzly bear is shown standing on a slab of rock, the snow-capped mountains in the distance making an excellent background.

Mr. E. S. Shrapnel has on view a number of his pictures, of birds and fish—a class of painting in which he is exceptionally good. His priarie fire is also cleverly done, the settler and his family and the stock fleeing from the merciless flames being strongly depicted.

Mr. Rene Quentin's "Feast of Flowers in a Greek Temple," an unfinished scene painting, is an excellent bit of composition, as is also "The Sultan's Favorite." Mr. Quentin has also numerous pictures of local scenes on exhibition, his best being a large view of Departure Bay.

Mr. Stanley Tytler's strongest picture is "The Himalayan Giant," which shows very fine coloring. The gloom down the canyon and the snowy mountains in the distance are cleverly portrayed.

Mr. T. Bamford's "Mussel Gatherers" shows a beautiful light reflected in sea and sky. "Kelvia Creek," a forest scene, is also a strong picture. The trees and ferns and the rippling brook are well depicted.

Mr. S. McClure has on view many charming water colors of well known provincial scenes. Like Mr. Barff, he is particularly strong in painting marine views, but his "Evening at Beacon Hill" shows a charming bit of local scenery.

On Friday the school children will be the guests of the Art Union, and on Saturday the drawing for prizes will take place.

PERSONAL.

J. T. Wilkinson is over from the Mainland.

Mrs. W. Templeman left last evening for the east.

J. C. Maclure returned last evening from Vancouver.

Rev. J. H. White, of New Westminster, is in the city.

Wm. Whittat and family have gone to Nelson to locate.

Max Leiser was a passenger from Vancouver last evening.

A. F. McKinnon, of Illecillewaet, is a guest at the Oriental.

J. B. Lovell was a passenger last evening from the Mainland.

Geo. B. Mann and A. J. Holmes, of St. Paul, are at the Driard.

Phillip White and family, formerly of Union, have left for Ashland, Wis., over the N. P. R.

G. E. Gilman, a well known railroad man of Chicago, is at the Driard. He is accompanied by Miss Gilman.

Richard Thompson, of South Saanich, left last evening by the Northern Pacific for Johannesberg, South Africa.

H. E. Wing has left for London. He crosses the continent via the N. P. R. and takes the Umbria at New York.

Thomas Graham, D. P. & F. agent of the Southern Pacific railway, was in the city last evening. He spent to-day in Vancouver.

—Read Gilmore & McCandless' overcoat talk. *

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"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$1.00	to 75c.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	75c.	to 60c.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	60c.	to 50c.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	40c.	to 30c.
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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The litigation arising out of the Landsberg failure has ceased, as the creditors have agreed to accept 40 cents on the dollar. The motion in Gault vs. Landsberg for the committal of the defendant, which was adjourned until Friday, will in consequence be abandoned.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—L Beebe, G B Mann, A J Hanes, W T Preston, Mrs Preston, L H Curry, G Gilman, Miss Gilman, Mrs Allen, R T Lewis, T W Spaulding, J C Andrews, Mrs Andrews, C Cunningham, J Key, G T Wallace, Simon Trumble, H Alexander, A Burts, G W George, F L Bangs, Miss Russell, M Mouat, G Ziegler, Mrs Zeigler, A J Connell, M McLeod, Dr Wilcox, Miss Bangs, Miss Anderson, A Cohen, A Gilmour, Mr Douglas, Mrs Douglas, 12 Siwashes.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—D Gray, C Paulson, H Heigeson, J C Pope, A F Horne, T H Alcock, J Hicks, A Wheeler, L G Wing, W D McGillivray, Jno Jardine, J C Maclure, J B Lovell, R H Miller, Max Leiser, J T Wilkinson, C S Burnell, Mrs Burnell, W P Bird, F G Abbott, Rev J H White, Miss Dawson, J Wilson, J Castle, J M McKinnon, F W Alexander, O J Keon, Mrs Keon, Mrs Horn, W H Perry, A J McKinnon, A McDermott.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Hastie & Bannerman, Johns Bros, J Gilbert, B Matticks, W A Carter, M W Watt, C Braund, R Jameson, A M Knight.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—Weller Bros, H B Co, J Earsman, J Horner, R H McMillan, D Spencer, E G Prior, J E Phillips, E & N Ry Co, E Wall & Co, T A Tye & Co, Lenz & Leiser, G R Jackson, Miss Johnston, G Schmidt, A W Moore, R Dunsmuir, A Shorey, A & W Wilson, A Howell, B C Furniture Co, Braden Bros, C Cookson, Canada Paint Co, F R Stewart, G C Hinton, J McMillan, J Colbert, P & Leiser, R W Higginbotham, Ramsay B, W Lough, Wood & Orr, W Dalby, Dom Ex Co.

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Kid Gloves, 5 Hooks and Lacing, 70c per pair.
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We are the sole agents for these Gloves, still at the reduced price $1.15.

Berlin Wools, 5c per Oz.

Umbrellas. Umbrellas.
At all prices—from 60c to $12.00. These are beautiful goods for Christmas presents.

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White Cambric, Hemstitched..50c per doz.
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Colored border.....25c per doz.
White Handkerchiefs.....25c per doz.
A beautiful Line of Handkerchiefs—Open Work Hemstitched, and Honiton Lace, insertion and corners, 35c each; Openwork and Hemstitched, 25c each; also a lot of fancy boxes of Handkerchiefs. Three lace edged Handkerchiefs in a box for 15c. Betonly 50c per yard.
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SHOWER OF HOUSEKEEPERS.

Beauties Attracted by an Advertisement Which Didn't Mention a Wife.

An Englishman named Forte, whose country house is near the Great Kills of Staten Island, had a surprise party, or rather a succession of surprise parties, recently in consequence of the omission of a word in an advertisement. Mr. Forte and his wife had removed into the city for part of the winter months, without, however, completely breaking up their country home. In their absence somebody was needed to mind a country house and take care of the children at times.

"Put an advertisement in one of the papers," said Mr. Forte to his wife, "reading about like this: Wanted, a working housekeeper in the country for gentleman and wife and two small children."

"All right," said Mrs. Forte. But unfortunately in writing the advertisement she left out the word "wife," so that the thing read: "Wanted, a working housekeeper in the country for a gentleman and two small children," and in that shape the advertisement appeared on Thursday.

On Friday afternoon, when Mr. Forte returned to his city home, he wondered why his wife looked so happy. She was all smiles and giggles. She told him that there was a crowd of ladies waiting for him in the parlor.

"Stop your nonsense, girl," said he; "I'm too hungry for your jokes now. Hurry up the dinner."

"Very well," replied his better half, "but just go into the parlor any way."

Mr. Forte stepped into the parlor, and was surprised to find himself in the midst of a bouquet of beauties. There were blondes and brunettes of all shades, and forms, all of them well dressed, and some of them wearing diamond rings. In bewilderment Mr. Forte made a low bow. By the way, he is a fine looking man, about 40 years old, and looking younger.

"Now, ladies," said he, when he had recovered somewhat from his amazement, "what can I do for you?"

They advanced, and he backed to the wall. They all smiled and looked lovely, and most of them held out a printed slip of paper.

Mr. Forte, forgetting all about his advertisement, thought that they might be income tax collectors, or even book canvassers, but the mystery was soon explained. Each one wanted to be that country housekeeper.

"Well, I'll be blowed!" exclaimed the Britisher. But he soon recovered his composure, and glancing quickly at the group, noticed one singularly handsome girl. Her features were of sculptured regularity, and her form was slight and graceful. He fixed his eyes upon her, and turning to the others said:

"Ladies, civil service examinations are the order of the day, so I shall be compelled to take you all separately. I will commence with this one." So he led the beauty into an adjoining room, where his wife was. The wife immediately absented herself, making heroic efforts to keep from bursting out with laughter.

"My dear child," said Mr. Forte paternally, "you must have misunderstood the advertisement. What is wanted is a working woman, a hard-working housekeeper; not a delicate and refined lady like you."

"Come, now," she replied, "I want that place. I can work as good and as hard as any woman. I can scrub the floors, polish the stoves, make beds, and sweep—"

Here Mr. Forte interrupted her and said:

"I have no doubt you could sweep the cobwebs off the sky, but I am very much afraid that the old gentleman is already suited."

"The old gentleman! Come, now, you can't play the old gag on me. There's no old gentleman; you are the feller. I have had some little experience in this sort of thing, and I know what I am talking about. You must be a jay to try and play that game about the old gentleman on a girl like me. I have travelled."

Mr. Forte heard a suppressed giggle in the adjoining room.

"Who is that lady that just went out?" inquired the beauty.

"Oh, that is the housekeeper that I'm going to dismiss," returned Mr. Forte.

"Ah, there you are; I've caught you now. You, you are going to dismiss her. Now, how about the old gentleman? Say, old gentleman, I want that job."

"Well, I will communicate with you further."

"No, you won't; I want to fix the whole business right here and now."

"Well," said Mr. Forte, "there is another obstacle in the way. There is a very bad young man, a near neighbor of mine; they call him Wild Jack—I won't tell you his other name—and I'm greatly afraid you might be annoyed by his attentions, because he is sure to pay attentions to all the new ladies that come into the neighborhood. If you'll only promise to help me build a wall around the house to keep out Wild Jack, I'll take you."

"There is no necessity of building any wall; I'm amply able to protect myself against the encroachments of Wild Jack or any other wild man. You have broomsticks in your country house, have you not?"

"Oh, yes; we have broomsticks."

"Very well; just let me deal with Wild Jack."

In utter despair poor Mr. Forte ran out of the room and joined his wife, whom he found convulsed with laughter.

"What the devil are we going to do?" he asked.

"I can't understand it," replied Mrs. Forte.

"Show me the advertisement you put in the paper," said Mr. Forte.

She showed it him.

"Thunder, why didn't you put in the word 'wife?' You left that out, and that's the meaning of this strange shower of housekeepers."

With difficulty he got rid of them at last; but the next day there was another shower, and he and his wife were obliged to retreat to Staten Island and wait till the crowds roll by.—New York Sun.

Do not dally with rheumatism. Get rid of it at once by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Be sure you get Hood's.

A NAVAL WONDER.

English-Built Torpedo Destroyer That Goes a Mile in Two Minutes.

Very few vessels that have yet been built have excited more interest than the Sokol, the latest addition to the Russian fleet. The guaranteed speed of 29 knots was alone sufficient to account for this, it having been two knots in excess of anything promised at the time the contract for the vessel was made. It may be said at once that the interest shown by engineers and naval architects in the progress of the vessel has been more than justified.

The vessel is 190 feet long by 18 feet 6 inches beam. She is, of course, a twin screw vessel, and has three-stage compound engines of the type ordinarily fitted by Messrs. Yarrow in vessels of this class; having cylinders 18 inches, and 39½ inches in diameter by 18 inches stroke.

The boilers are eight in number. They are of the well known Yarrow type, and it may be stated, the boiler arrangements are similar to those of the Hornet, the vessel built by this firm for the British government, but which was about two and a quarter knots slower than the Russian vessel. It will be remembered that at the preliminary trial the maximum mean speed of 30¼ knots was obtained as a second mean of three runs, with and against the tide. Since then the official three hours' run had been made in the presence of Prince Oukhtomsky, naval attache to the Russian government, and chief of the Russian commission; Captain Behr, who will command the vessel; Mr. Poretchkin, engineer-in-chief to the commission; and other naval representatives.

The mean speed of the six runs was 29.777 knots. As the mean revolutions per minute of the six-mile run was 405.15, the true mean speed of the vessel for the three hours was 29.762 knots. The coal burned during the three hours was ten tons seven hundredweight, with an average air pressure of 1⅜ inches.

It will be seen therefore that the palm for the swiftest vessel in the world has once more reverted to the Poplar yard, and the British navy once more loses the supremacy in speed, which it has held for some time past.

The remarkable success of the Sokol has not been due to a mere exercise of what may aptly, if not correctly, be termed the brute force of horsepower. The maximum power exerted did not reach 4000. Exactly what it was we are not aware, but taking a line through the spots obtained by progressive runs on the preliminary trial, it could not have exceeded the figure named.

In the case of the Sokol, although she had been steaming about thirty knots for three hours, the paint on the four chimneys was as fresh as when put on.—London Engineering.

PAINLESS SURGERY.

Important Operations Performed While the Patients Are Conscious.

The meeting of the Philadelphia County Medical Society was rendered particularly interesting on account of the presentation of a paper by Dr. T. Parvin, on the new method of abolishing the pain without the necessity of employing ether or chloroform. This is the system suggested and practised by the well known German surgeon, Schleich, who by its use has been able to perform practically all of the minor and many of the major operations of surgery without the slightest pain to the patient and without depriving him in any way of his consciousness.

By the method of Schleich there are prepared three solutions of common salt, in which are dissolved different quantities of muriate of cocaine and morphia. The part to be operated upon is thoroughly cleansed with an antiseptic solution, and the surface brought to a low temperature by a spray of chloride of ethyl. Into this area of the skin, which by the action of the spray, has been deprived of all sensation, the salt solution containing the cocaine and morphine is injected by means of a special hypodermic syringe, numerous punctures being made in all directions. This renders the deeper structures insensible to the surgeon's knife, and for a period of from 20 minutes to half an hour the patient is not conscious so far as actual pain is concerned, of extensive cutting and sewing.

The new method differs in an important degree from the ordinary employment of hypodermic injections of cocaine. The strength of the drug which has been used in the past is about one part in each twenty-five parts of the solution, while in the Schleich method there is often employed a strength of only 1 in 10,000. In the former, however, only a few drops of the solution are employed, while in the latter the tissues surrounding the part to be operated upon are thoroughly illustrated with the solution. With the small quantity of the cocaine employed by Dr. Schleich, it is apparent that something more than cocaine is responsible for the local anaesthesia so perfectly obtained. In the opinions of Drs. Keen, Ashurst and Morton, who discussed the merits of the new system, the infiltration of the tissues with the solution, and the distension and consequent pressure upon the small nerves were responsible in a large measure for the absence of pain when the incision of the knife was made to indicate the manner of employing the method of Schleich, and to show the entire absence of pain, one of the surgeons had the solution inserted beneath the skin of the arm and an incision an inch long made and sewed up before the society.

In the discussion it was generally conceded, both from the results achieved by the German surgeon and the experiments made in a number of cases in this city, that a decided advance had been made in the field of anaesthetics, and that for a large number of operations the infiltration method would entirely supersede the general anaesthesia by ether and chloroform.—Philadelphia Record.

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Cunard Line, Campania.....Dec. 21
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American Line, New York.....Dec. 25
Rer Star Line, Southwark.....Dec. 18
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White Star Line, Majestic.....Dec. 17
White Star Line, Teutonic.....Dec. 25
Anchor Line, Anchoria.....Dec. 28
Anchor Line, Ethiopia.....Jan. 11
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The S.S. TRANSIT, Capt. Berg, will leave Seattle on 12th December, for Central American ports.

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TIME TABLE NO. 27,
Taking effect June 21st, 1895.

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NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island, Sunday at 23 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. (Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going east Monday).

For Plumper Pass Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands Friday at 7 o'clock.

Leave New Westminster for Victoria, Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender Island and Moresby Island Thursday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this Co. will leave for Port Simpson and intermediate ports via Vancouver the first and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock p.m. When sufficient inducements offer will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer Maude leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound ports on the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month.

The company reserves the right of changing this time table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING, Manager.
G. A. CARLETON, General Agent.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY.

TIME TABLE NO. 25.
To Take Effect at 8:00 a. m. on Monday, October 28th, 1895.
Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.

	Daily A M	Sat'dy P. M.
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	8 00	3 20
Ar. Nanaimo	11.40	6.38
Ar. Wellington	12.00	6 55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily A. M.	Sat'dy P. M.
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8 20	3 30
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8 49	3 45
Ar. Victoria	12.20	7 00

For rates and information apply at the Company's offices.

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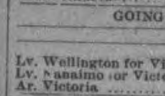

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Lv Victoria .....Tuesday, 7 a.m.
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DUNCAN'S

(From our own correspondent.)

A meeting to discuss the advisability establishing a creamery was held at Duncan's on Monday evening. W. R. Jaynes presided, and over thirty farmers were present. Over $2,000 in $10 shares was subscribed, and it was resolved to incorporate a company to be called the Cowichan Creamery Company, with the principal place of business at Duncan's. The by-laws and regulations of the company were read and approved.

SANDON.

The Ledge.

Cody Creek is to have several large buildings erected this month or next.

The girl in bloomers has reached here, but the bicycle will never come.

Two Victoria men will build a large hotel near Archie Grant's.

Several men recently quit work at the Slocan Star because they could not agree with the foreman.

Justice is speedy in this place. A man called Judge Sproat some uncomplimentary names the other day. The judge fined him $20 right there, and the fine was paid.

NEW DENVER

The Ledge.

A savings bank department will be established in the New Denver postoffice on December 26th.

The C. P. R. will open their Sandon office next Monday. Passenger trains are already running to that point.

The Ruth is reported sold for $60,000.

The Antoine uncovered eighteen inches of clean ore last week.

The Legal Tender has been bonded to H. Abbott for $30,000.

The Black Prince will ship five tons as soon as the sacks can be procured.

Bob Green and T. C. Eaton have commenced work on the Big Five.

This week, for the first time in many months, no locations were recorded in New Denver.

Three men are working on the Moonstone, a property near the former site of Lardeau City.

The Northern Belle will ship several car-loads of ore as soon as it can be taken to the railroad track.

A double shift is working on the Enterprise. It is not likely that this property will ship this winter.

The Cordelia, a property on the north fork of Carpenter Creek, shipped 85 sacks of ore to Pilot Bay this week.

Four men are working on the President, a claim on Howser lake, recently bonded by A. W. McCune, for $20,000.

The C. P. R. are hauling Reco and Star ore from Sandon, the bulk of the shipments from Three Forks being from the concentrator.

Wm. Lardner has returned to the Slocan from Deadwood. It is said that he has acquired a controlling interest in the Kalispell.

The Hall Mines Company recently paid Tom McGovern and Bill Franklin $1500 for the Iron Hand, a claim not far from 15 Mile House, on the K. & S. Ry. The ore from this property will be used for smelting Silver King ore at Nelson.

Mr. Haycock, an American mining expert and capitalist, was down to the Currie mine on Monday to have a look at it, and expressed himself as much pleased with the property. On Tuesday, accompanied by W. Thomlinson, he went to Slocan City. They intend to see some of the mines in that direction if they can possibly get to them.

The mail service in Kootenay is still delicate and in bad conditon. It is denounced on all sides, and is a standing disgrace to the government. This district is one of the most important in Canada, and before long will be the most important, yet its mail service is the slowest and most exasperating in the Dominion. At Sandon the merchants say that letters can be sent and replies received quicker from Spokane than from Nelson. Add incompetent postmasters to the other troubles and we have a postal system that would irritate the blandest of individuals. Let us pray for a change. Perhaps that will make a difference.

CAMPOS NOT SEVERE ENOUGH.

The Spanish Think the Captain General Was Too Mild.

New York, Dec. 17.—Several of the more prominent members of the Cuban junta were seen this evening in relation to the dispatch concerning the resignation of Campos. A consensus of the opinion was embodied in the statement made by Horatio S. Rubens, the legal adviser of the junta. He said:

"The news is not of an unexpected nature. Without desiring the confirm the authenticity of the dispatch, I am nevertheless able to state that for some time past the junta has been possessed of information which points to Campos being removed to another sphere of action. The belief among my associates is that the word 'recall' should have been submitted to 'resignation' in the present instance. There are a multitude of reasons why Campos should not voluntarily resign his command, and by so doing lose prestige and invite disgrace. The only possible motive for resignation would be the general's dissatisfaction with the number and type of troops furnished him and the failure of his government to let him have necessary supplies. It is also possible that he is not in accord with the recently arrived Lieut.-Gens. Pando and Marin. These may have differed with him regarding the treatment of prisoners. Campos himself is severe enough where captured patriots are concerned, but it is well known that Pando and Marin favor a reversion of the brutalities which characterized the work of Spanish officers and men in preceding revolutions."

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A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT

Was Visible Yesterday in Transactions on the Stock Exchanges.

London, Dec. 17.—There was a further general improvement in the stock markets here to-day. Consols and other investment stocks led the advance on the anticipation of cheap money in the new year. Americans rose sharply, partly on Secretary Carlisle's report, but mainly, it is said, on active support from those interested in the success of the Reading scheme. This scheme is received more calmly here than might have been expected. Prices closed a little under the best and the entire market was somewhat duller at the close. But the financial situation on the stock exchange is gradually improving, with a healthy tendency in the general markets to shake themselves free from the influence of the mining market. There is a small boom in Argentine rails, on excellent earnings and growing wheat industry in Argentine. In Paris the Bourse was dull on a further break in Italian securities.

New York, Dec. 17.—Industrials were again largely in the lead of standard railroad shares in point of activity. The early movement of prices was animated and higher, opening moderately inactive and irregular, but the railway stocks soon came into prominence, with the Grangers leading. Shortly after midday all other considerations lost importance owing to the receipt of the message of the President to congress relative to the Venezuelan question. The uncompromising tone of the document was sharply reflected in a general decline in prices, the international stocks being especially weak. Noteworthy losses occurred in some of the specialties, extending to 4½ per cent in Consumers' Gas. The closing was quiet, with prices at about the lowest, and showing material concessions.

London, Dec. 18.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day was £107,000.

INSURGENTS FIRING PROPERTY.

The Cuban Patriots Apply the Torch to Harass the Enemy.

Havana, Dec. 18.—The Cordova and Cuenna battalions, which arrived here yesterday from Spain, have been ordered respectively to Mayo, in the province of Santiago de Cuba, and to Mantanzas, capital of the province of that name.

The canefields and plantation of Casimba, near Jicotea, have been burned.

It is reported that Maximo Gomez was slightly wounded during one of the recent engagements between the insurgents and Spanish troops.

Col. Ruben, while in pursuit of the insurgent forces commanded by Quintin Banderas, was attacked on all sides near Banao. The troops made a grand defence, and the insurgents were eventually beaten off by the well directed artillery fire turned upon them. The troops lost four killed and 12 wounded; the rebels lost four killed and seven wounded.

A culvert in the railroad between Santa Clara and Cienfuegos, the headquarters of Captain-General Martinez de Campos, has been blown out by the insurgents. A pilot engine which was sent ahead of a train running over that portion of the road was ditched, and five railroad employes were killed. The railroad bridge at Sagua la Grande, province of Santa Clara, has been burned and the canefields around San Dominge in the same district are burning. Several skirmishes have taken place between the troops and the insurgents in the Sagua la Grande district, where the revolution is quite active at present.

Washington City, Dec. 18.—A manifesto of the Cuban revolutionary party to the people of the United States was made public to-day. It is a long document, prepared by Enrique Jose Varona, ex-deputy of the Spanish Cortes, and reviews the history of the revolutionary agitation in Cuba and the present condition of the Islands. The manifesto summarizes Cuban needs thus: "The people of Cuba require only liberty and independence to become a factor in prosperity and progress among civilzed nations. The fault lies entirely with Spain. Cuba is not an offender, but a defender of her rights. Let America, let the world decide where rest justice and right." It is set out that no people could bear the wrongs endured by the Cubans without protest, without degrading and condemning itself to annihilation. The Manifesto concludes: "Spain denies the Cubans all effective powers in their own country; condemns them to political inferiority in their own land, and confiscates the product of their labor without giving in return either safety, prosperity or education. Spain has shown itself utterly incapable of governing Cuba, which it exploits, impoverishes and demoralizes. The Cubans, not in anger, but in despair, have appealed to arms to defend their rights and vindicate an eternal principle, without which every community is in danger, the principle of justice. Nobody has the right of oppression. Spain oppresses us. In rebelling against oppression we defend our rights; in serving our own cause we serve the cause of mankind. We have not counted the number of our enemies nor measured their strength. We may find ruin and death a few steps ahead. So be it; we do our duty. If the world is indifferent to our cause, so much the worse for all. A new iniquity shall have been consummated, the principle of solidarity shall have suffered defeat."

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Dear Editor:—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp:—Mr. Edward Lambert. P. O. Box 55, Jarvis, Ont.

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Chicago, Dec. 18.—S. A. Owens, the man who informed Messrs. Armour and Pullman on Sunday night that the infernal machines would be mailed to them, is detained in Postal Inspector Stuart's office on the supposition that he sent the bombs. The theory expressed by Inspector Stuart is that Owens conceived the idea of sending the bombs and notifying the recipients in advance of the mailing of the packages in the hope of obtaining a good reward. This belief is further strengthened by the similitude of the bad spelling on the address and the spelling in a statement furnished by Owens in detailing the manner of obtaining the information of the sending of the packages. In his statement Owens spells "contents" as contence," and the word was misspelled in a similar manner on the cover of the package addressed to Mr. Armour. Further confirmation of the theory is found in the fact that Owens' business is that of a worker of metals, and the fact that the bomb was prepared by a skilled man. The lead pipe is plugged at both ends with cork, and the lead hammered down over the opening to make the cork slugs hold. Owens' statement, made to Inspector Stuart, recites that on Sunday night at 11:30 he went into the alley under the L. tracks at Congress street, and there overheard a conversation between two men to the effect that they intended sending bombs to Messrs. Armour and Pullman. He then called at both homes of the men and notified them of the intention of the conspirators. Owens denies that he sent the machines through the mail.

—When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Terr., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 cent bottles for sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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A curious case of a soldier refusing to do duty has just been before a military tribunal in Germany. Trott is the name of a private in an infantry company stationed at Insterburg. He is the son of a landed proprietor. He said he was willing to do military duty six days in the week, but would not "desecrate the Sabbath." He is still in prison, and will remain there until he changes his mind in this matter.

The younger Dumas often declared that his school days were the unhappiest of his life. He hated the routine of the classroom, and was subjected to continued insult on account of his parentage.

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Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary, in writing within one month from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, November 27th, 1895.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against dealing in any way with the bay gelding "Snohomish Boy," now supposed to be in the hands of Frank Adams.

TAM ELWELL.

Victoria, Dec. 10th, 1895. de10-1w

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By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C.M.C.

Victoria, B.C., March 20th, 1895.

$25.00 REWARD.

The above reward is hereby offered for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons tampering or interfering in any way with any manhole, ventilator, flush tank, or other part of the sewerage system of the City of Victoria, or causing any impediment or obstruction to the proper and effective operation of any portion of the said system, except when acting under instructions from the City Engineer or Sanitary Officer.

By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B.C., August 1st, 1895.

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The Atlas Line Steamer Clairbel Reported Disabled in the Mid-Atlantic.

Schooner Katbrine Sails for the Japanese Coast—To-Day's Shipping News.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Pacific Mail steamship Newport, which arrived in quarantine last night, brought word that on the morning of December 13 she fed in with the Atlas line steamer Clairibel, the latter being disabled.

The Newport cast a line to her, but later she cast off and signalled to the Newport to proceed and to report to the owners of the Atlas line on her arrival in New York. The Clairibel, when sighted, was in latitude 28.5 north, longitude 74.14 west, which is off the Carolina coast. A strong gale was blowing and a high sea prevailed at the time. The Newport comes from Colon. Her commander, Capt. Connor, reports that when the Clairibel was sighted she was burning distress signals, which demanded immediate assistance. The Newport stood by until daylight, when the Clairibel signalled: "Disabled; will you take us in tow?". On answering "yes," the people on the Newport saw a small boat lowered, which brought a line to which the Newport was attached. The officer on the boat said that during a gale a tremendous sea boarded the Clairibel and washed some lines from her deck, which were swept aft, fouling the propeller. The engines were stopped and the pumps were found to be choked and refused to work. The steamer lay thus at the mercy of the sea until the Newport took her in tow. It was noticed that her foretopmast was broken, and after the boat returned on board, the main rail amidships was smashed and carried away. The Newport started ahead carefully with the Clairibel in tow, but to the astonishment of all on board the hawser was let go and the Clairibel signalled to proceed and report to her owners, at the same time dipping the colors "good-bye," which were answered, and the Newport continued on her voyage. The Clairibel is one of the Atlas line steamers running regularly between this port and the ports in Hayti and Jamaica. She is commanded by Capt. Cole, and was built in Liverpool in 1872. She is 883 tons register, is 250 feet in length, 28 feet beam and 21.1 in depth.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Belated ships are arriving at this port, bearing evidence of the terrific gale of the past week along the Atlantic coast. A great number of vessels are unaccounted for and there is a general belief that many have foundered. The British tank steamer Mexicano came in badly damaged. Captain Tait stood on the ship's bridge for 72 hours. The position was a perilous one and it seemed at times as though the ship and the 27 men that composed her crew were lost. Southward of Cape Hatteras, within 36 hours' steaming of the Delaware capes, on Dec. 10, she was first struck by the cyclone. The British tramp steamship Marian, Captain Grahl, from Bilboa, Spain, Nov. 19, arrived with cabins flooded, everything movable washed from the decks, two of the lifeboats stove in, sails carried away and others damaged. Captain Davis, of the British tank ship Lecocq, in port from Barry, reports experiencing heavy east northeast gales from Dec. 10 until the 14th instant. The vessel sustained slight damages. The tank ship Megunticoak, from Philadelphia for Tampa, Fla., with coal, returned to port in tow of the tug Meher, leaking badly. Captain Wallace reports that immediately after leaving the capes and when off the Five Fathom bank lightship, Dec. 10, his vessel met the full force of the recent gale. She strained in the terrific sea and sprung a leak above the copper.

New York, Dec. 18.—An explosion occurred this morning on the American steamship St. Paul while the vessel was at dock. Four men have been taken to the hospital and five men are said to be killed. The dead are: James Fawns, assistant engineer, England; Manning, fourth assistant engineer; Robert Campbell, machinist, New York; George Williams, machinist, Hoboken; Daniel McCullum, machinist's helper, Brooklyn. The injured are: Frank Vespers, third assistant engineer, Roxbury, Mass.; Andrew Heard, storekeeper, Scotland; Dunham, machinist, Scotland.

Captain Jensen's tug James E. Boyden, of Seattle, rescued the British bark Kilmory from probable destruction Saturday. The tug, which is engaged in towing log booms most of the time for the Blakely mills, was on the Straits at the time, when she ran across the bark, which had drifted to within a few hundred yards of the rocks on the Vancouver Island side and thrown out an anchor.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Intelligence has reached here that Sunday last the German ship Athens, from New York for London, with a cargo of naptha, exploded off Cape May. Fourteen lives were lost, including the captain. The first mate and second mate and four of the crew were rescued by the British ship Tafna and brought to this port.

Considerable activity has been displayed by sealers during the week. There are at present eight schooners at Spratt's wharf, getting fitted out and ready for sea. The Katherine, with a white crew, left for the Japanese coast this afternoon. She is the first vessel to go direct from this port to the sealing grounds.

The C. P. R. steamship Empress of India, due here yesterday, had not been sighted up to 4 o'clock. It is possible she has either picked up the Strathnevis or has lengthened her trip to look for her. It is very seldom that the Empresses are overdue; they generally reach land by daylight Tuesday morning.

The Olga, a large four-masted vessel, arrived in Esquimalt harbor to-day from Honolulu. She was placed on Bullen's ways to undergo a general overhauling. The Olga is chartered to load lumber on the sound.

Another of the lumber ships, the Prince Victor, loaded at Hastings saw mill, for the United Kingdom and was towed to sea this morning by the tug Discovery.

A cargo of West Wellington coal will be brought down from Nanoose Bay in a few days by the tug Constance, which left for there this morning.

A small schooner from San Juan Island called the Echo, was registered at the customs house this morning as a British bottom.

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 18.—The Canadian-Australian steamship Warrimoo sailed for Vancouver this afternoon.

Capt. Geo. Cavin denies the report that he is about to build a freighting steamer at Turpel's shipyard.

The McNear, coal laden from Departure Bay, was towed to sea by the tug Active to-day.

The Islander left Vancouver at 1:20 p.m., having connected with the Pacific express.

A MUDDLED LAWYER.

To the Editor: I observe with pain, Mr. Editor, that the brilliant gentleman who presides over the Conservative association of the city has been talking too much without first reading the Conservative newspapers. In speaking of the Manitoba school question last night he is reported in the Colonist to have said: "It is unfair to state that the government of the Dominion intend to coerce Manitoba by legislation distasteful to that particular province." Mr. Helmcken has truly a wonderful knowledge of the affairs of this country. Let me ask him has he ever read the original text of the "remedial order" sent by the Dominion government to Manitoba? Has he ever heard of the second or amended "remedial order" sent to that province? Has he ever read Manitoba's reply and refusal to change her law? Has he yet learned that a special session of parliament, to meet on the 2nd of January, has been called for the special purpose of passing remedial legislation, and thereby forcing separate schools on Manitoba? Probably Mr. Helmcken did not know that the Hon Clarke Wallace had resigned rather than be a party to outraging the province of Manitoba. For the edification of the eminent gentleman himself, let us compare the statement of Mr. Helmcken with that of Clarke Wallace:

Clarke Wallace since resigning says: "I felt so strongly the undesirability of interefering with the province of Manitoba in the control of its educational affairs, and so strongly against imposing the separate school system on that province against the will of its people as to convince me of the propriety of the step I have taken, and I look for the confidence and good will of my friends in that step."

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If the reader will kindly make a comparison of these two statements I think he will conclude that the Conservative Association should open a "booby" school for its officers.

A STUDENT OF THE QUESTION.

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I have smoked every kind of tobacco,
But the brand that is dearest to me,
The one I prefer to all others,
Is the plug that is stamped "T. & B."

I have smoked in my own native island,
Every kind that the Britisher burns,
'Cut Cavendish,' 'Golden Leaf,' 'Shag,'
'Virginia,' 'Birdseye,' and 'Returns,'
Yes, I've smoked every English tobacco,
But something I yet have to see
Is a brand that will fill every longing
Like the plug that is stamped "T. & B."

I have smoked the West Indian Havanas,
The Hindoo Cheroots and Burmese,
I have smoked 'Hubble-bubbles' and 'Hookah's,'
Lying streached on divans at my ease,
But I never yet found a tobacco,
In my journeys by land or by sea,
To compare with the Best of all baccies,
The pure golden leaf "T. & B."

They say tobacco will shorten
One's life, and I know that is true,
For once when I ran short of baccy
Each awful day lengthened to two;
But I mean to take heed for the future,
That no such mishap befalls me,
And intend to invest my spare dollars,
In a caddy of choice "T. & B."

We can stand the horseless carriage—
Think it's just as fine as silk,
But we kick hard, harder, hardest,
When they mention cowless milk.

Upon the unjust and the just
Alike the rain doth fall;
But the unjust frequently purloin the good
umbrellas of the just
And don't get wet at all.

—Insist upon your grocer giving you Ogilvie & Morris' Jams.

BRITISH CAPITAL.

The Immense Amount That Goes Out Yearly for Investment.

Money is called the "sinews of war." Great Britain has enormous wealth in money. The Hon. David A. Wells, probably the highest authority in our country on revenue, says, in an article on taxation in the Popular Science Monthly:—"The outflow of British capital for investment in foreign securities and negotiated in London alone, during the eight years next previous to 1890, has been estimated by those best qualified to express an opinion, to have amounted to the large sum of nearly or quite $700,000,000 per annum. And this estimate does not comprise all the British capital loaned to foreign countries, but only such as was subject to public cognizance." While each day brings rumors of diplomatic arrangements in regard to one field or another, it is well to bear this dominant fact in mind. For example, a report that the relations of China with Japan and Russia have been arranged without regard to the wishes of Great Britain, is very doubtful. It is true the arrangement will probably be modified as soon as England insists on it. London and Frankfort hold the purse. The state of the finances do not warrant an attempt to beard the British lion. What is called the "official or concealed" debt of France is very large, as is the annual deficit of the government. Russia is a borrower to meet the year's expenses. London and Frankfort hold the key to every diplomatic situation affecting the Powers of Europe. Both believe the Bible, Britain the whole Bible, Frankfort the Old Testament.—Intelligencer.

KENTUCKY PEARL HUNTERS.

Taking the Precious Gems From Mussels in the Streams.

The continued dry weather of the past summer and fall, which has caused many of the creeks and rivers of Kentucky to go nearly dry, has been very favorable to the pearl hunters in the Cumberland and other rivers, and quite a number of fine specimens have been found, especially in the Cumberland river, which seems to be the most productive of pearl-bearing mussels, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. One of the well known pearl hunters told a correspondent that he found several pearls during the past summer that were worth from $75 to $100 each, and a large lot of smaller and cheaper stones.

The leading pearl hunters, who prospect up and down the Cumberland river, send their pearls to Chicago, Philadelphia and New York. Several years ago an old man picked up a mussel from a sandbar in the Cumberland river, near Point Burnside, a station on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, and upon opening the oyster-like bivalve found a magnificent pearl of fine size and color. A pearl hunter who ran across the old man shortly afterwards, and to whom he showed the gem, at once recognized the value of it and bought it for a trifling sum, afterwards selling it for $500. Such finds as this, however, are few and far between.

The pearl hunters work whenever the water is not too cold for them to wade in it. They find the mussels lying on the sandbars, pick them up, and prying them open, "feel" for the pearl, and if there is no pearl drop the mussel back into its place in the river. The pearl is found clinging to the walls of the mussel's shell and close to the mouth of it. The large majority of the pearls, as a matter of course, are badly shaped and irregular in form, and for that reason are worthless.

Now and then beautiful pearls are found, but useless because of a lack of desirable form. The round pearls, usually found and put upon the market by these wandering hunters, vary in size from the dimensions of the head of a pin to the size of a pea, and bring from 50 cents to $50 a piece. Few of these reach the $50 mark, however.

The pearl hunter who searches the Kentucky streams is usually a shiftless, easy-going fellow, who is at home most any place, and makes his bed upon the bank of the streams as readily as he would in the most elaborately furnished mansion. When he has good luck on a trip he waits until all his money is gone before he strikes out upon another journey. Now and then a more business-like operator is found, who will carry a camping outfit and live in true sportsmanlike style while at work.

The pearl hunters say that one reason why the streams of Kentucky are more productive of pearls than the rivers in some other states is because of the limestone bedrock, which seems more adapted to the purposes of the pearl-bearing mussels than the formations underlying many streams in other sections of the country. Pearl mussels, are, therefore, found in nearly every waterway in the Blue Grass State, but for some reason only a comparatively small number of men are engaged in the hunting of them, which frequently pays a great deal better than most any form of labor. The excitement attendant upon the industry, too, has something of the effect of the fascination of the diamond fields, for the "next one" is always expected to be a $500 beauty. One of the most valuable pearls ever found in the United States, the pearl hunters say, came from the Miami river in Ohio.

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HOW THIEVES LIVE IN NAPLES.

Babies Taught to Beg and Steal—They Must Know How to Sing.

The Comorra at Naples, like the Mafia in Sicily, is an organization of criminals and associates of criminals that is centuries old. The Camorra begins its work with the infants who are abandoned by their parents or who are let out to the impostors who beg in the streets of Naples. These children, so runs an account of them in the London News, for the most part those of persons in prison, are taught to beg for the end of a cigar or a soldo and infest the cafes. In winter they sleep in holes and stables, in summer on church steps under archways, or on benches in the public gardens. When they are six or seven years old they are instructed in begging by older children. At ten years of age the little Camoristra, or little thief, becomes cantatore (singer). He must know how to improvise a song to the girls and reply with an extemporaneous verse to the verse of a companion or of an antagonist.

In Naples there are two armies of cantatoria, one belonging to the streets in the older part of the city, and one to those of the west end. They constitute the neophytes of the Camorra, and compete in public, passing their examinatons by night in the streets. They choose for the subject of their chants anything that takes place in the city, and very often the object of derisive song is an old man or a poor idiot. The better class hear these scoffs, but do not interfere, and often laugh at the wit which is scarcely ever missing. The two bands are naturally great rivals, and once a year at least they defy each other to a series of battles in which stones are the weapons, and at the close of the fray knives too often come into play. This practice of battles with stones among boys can be traced back as far as 1625; for at that period the Duke of Alva caused thirty "stone throwers" to be arrested in Naples. The war cry of the boys is "Aniella, Aniella," the derivation of which is not certain. After the war cry comes the challenge in the form of a verse, to which the enemy responds likewise. Then the younger boys commence the attack. The passers-by flee, but at no great distance stand old and young men who incite the rival bands and, if necessary, rescue one or the other of them from an arrest by the police.

Two years ago there was a famous battle of this kind in Piazza Mercato, which ended in a fight between the police and the stone throwers, during which the trams were stopped for some time. This duel ceases with the first drawing of blood. A slight scratch received by one of the members of the two parties puts an end to the battle. The wounded boy is surrounded by his friends and taken to his mother, real or adopted, to be bound up and nursed.

The songs sung by the boys have always a chorus, and generally there are two soloists, who sing a verse in turn, which is ended by a refrain sung by the chorus, a mere "Ah, oh! Ah, oh!" In poetical form these youths express the knowledge they have of the worst evils and vices of human nature, but the verses are realistic and without the least gleam of sentiment.

W. H. Ward.

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